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Fight quickly stopped at the Tucson Prison

Tucson, Az – A fight started at the Whetstone Unit of the Arizona State Prison Complex Tucson earlier this morning, around 9:45 a.m. Complex staff were able to quickly gain control of the unit and stop the fight. No other units were involved. The fight involved approximately 300 Caucasian and Mexican-American inmates and approximately 100 African-American inmates.

All staff have been accounted for with only two employees receiving minor injuries. Five inmates have been transported to local hospitals for treatment to injuries sustained in the fight. Additional inmates are being assessed and treated on-site at this time.

The Tucson complex is on lockdown status. The Whetstone Unit will remain locked down during the investigation. Today's visitation has been canceled throughout the Tucson complex.

ASPC-Tucson has 5,150 beds in custody levels of minimum, medium and close custody. Today's inmate count for the complex is 5,134. The Whetstone Unit has a total of 1,242 inmates housed in 1,250 minimum custody beds.

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